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will probably sail this month. There are no others now in port, and unless this year is an exception, of which there is no indication, there will be about 2 ships a month for the medical officer to look after at this port for the next 6 months. Jute forms the largest part of all the cargoes, and the crop for last year is now nearly disposed of, while that for this year is not yet grown.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—International Marine Congress—Smallpox in southern Italy.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, April 25, as follows: During the week ended April 23, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

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Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Apr. 18	Vincenzo Florio.....	New York.....	497	30	955	14
19	Prinz Adalbert.....	do.....	1,068	165	1,138	17
20	Perugia.....	do.....	1,102	150	1,325	20
20	Nord America.....	do.....	923	160	1,420	18
21	Neustria.....	do.....	895	135	1,215	8
22	Regina Elena.....	do.....	544	50	1,115	15
22	Prinzess Irene.....	do.....	1,180	180	2,230	8
23	Citta di Milano.....	do.....	1,303	125	1,230	19
23	Montserrat.....	do.....	383	45	1,110	7

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Apr. 19	Vincenzo Florio.....	New York.....	234	75	340	14
21	Manilla.....	New Orleans.....	761	100	850	33

International Marine Congress.

The fourth congress of the International Marine Association will be held at Lisbon from May 22 to May 28, 1904. In addition to topics to be discussed under the general head of oceanography and hydrography, measures will be considered for the unification of all matters connected with the treatment of vessels in ports, presumably including quarantine. In the programme a separate heading is given to the improvement of ports by the installation of practical appliances for the treatment of vessels. Sailors' charitable associations, the Panama Canal, wireless telegraphy, fisheries, territorial seas, international marine statistics, North Atlantic weather forecasts, and yachting are among the subjects to be discussed.

Smallpox in southern Italy.

Owing to the large emigration from all parts of southern Italy of persons who are brought in close contact with each other at Naples prior to embarkment, and in view of unofficial reports from various sources of the occurrence of smallpox at different points in the region

from which emigrants come, it has been deemed advisable to continue vaccination ashore of all emigrants going to United States ports, a practice begun under Bureau orders three years ago.

Among other information recently received is a report from Potenza that, owing to smallpox at that place, the departure of military recruits was suspended. Aside from the regularly established prevalence of smallpox, it would seem advisable to insist on vaccination of emigrants before going aboard in consideration of the widespread area from which passengers are drawn, the lack of facilities for receiving prompt and reliable returns of contagious disease, and the apparent difficulty of vaccinating large numbers of persons aboard, especially in bad weather, when the steerage passengers are confined to their compartments and often seasick. Although there are many disadvantages in vaccinating the large numbers of persons who stop at Naples, often only for a few hours before embarking, the vaccination is performed by reputable physicians who certify to the fact in each instance, and who use a virus of approved origin and quality. From the reports of medical officers accompanying emigrant vessels from this port to the United States, it appears that the results of the operation as at present practiced are satisfactory as regards the proportion of successful vaccinations and the freedom from unpleasant complications, such as general vaccinia, inflamed and ulcerated arms, and vaccinated diseases.

Week ended April 30, 1904.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfect.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Apr. 25	San Gottardo.....	New York	448	45	755	15
27	Romanic.....	Boston.....	1,324	280	1,725	19
27	Liguria	New York	853	120	1,110	12
28	Romado	956	150	1,220	14

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Apr. 27	San Gottardo.....	New York	232	75	335	18
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JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Rejection of emigrants.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, April 27, as follows:

Number of emigrants per steamship *Doric* recommended, April 27, 1904, for rejection. For Honolulu, 10; for San Francisco, 15.

MEXICO.

Reports from Veracruz—Smallpox—Quarantinable diseases during April, 1904—Continued improvement in yellow-fever situation.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lumsden reports, May 4 and 9, as follows: During the week ended April 30, 1904, there were recorded in the